

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-5 (canceled)

6. (currently amended) A The method of claim 1, for stabilization of a physiologically active peptide in a process of preparing a powder containing the physiologically active peptide,

wherein the process comprises drying an aqueous liquid containing the physiologically active peptide to form a powder, wherein the method comprises adding to the aqueous liquid at least one compound selected from the group of a nonionic, organic, water soluble binder, and hydrogenated lecithin, and wherein the nonionic, organic, water-soluble binder is selected from polyvinylpyrrolidone, a water-soluble, nonionic cellulose derivative, and polyvinylalcohol; and

wherein the water-soluble, nonionic cellulose derivative is selected from the group of hydroxypropylcellulose, hydroxyethylcellulose, and hydroxypropylmethylcellulose.

Claims 7-17 (canceled)

18. (currently amended) A The method of claim 13, for preparation of a powder containing a physiologically active peptide from an aqueous liquid containing the

physiologically active peptide while increasing the stability of the physiologically active peptide in the process of powder formation,

wherein the method comprises adding to the aqueous liquid containing the physiologically active peptide at least one compound selected from the group of a water-soluble, nonionic, organic binder, and hydrogenated lecithin,

wherein the nonionic, organic, water-soluble binder is selected from polyvinylpyrrolidone, a water-soluble, nonionic cellulose derivative, and polyvinylalcohol,

wherein the method comprises drying the liquid to form a powder; and

wherein the water-soluble, nonionic cellulose derivative is selected from the group of hydroxypropylcellulose, hydroxyethylcellulose, and hydroxypropylmethylcellulose.

Claims 19-24 (canceled)